



General Assembly

## ***Amendment***

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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. **883**

File No. 63

Cal. No. 114

### ***"AN ACT CONCERNING A COMMUNITY SPOUSE'S ALLOWABLE ASSETS."***

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the  
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Commissioner of  
4 Social Services shall obtain the following data during the period of July  
5 1, 2013, to December 31, 2013, inclusive: (1) The total number of  
6 married couples applying for Medicaid during the year; (2) the  
7 combined marital assets of each such married couple; (3) separate  
8 totals for each spouse of non exempt assets and exempt assets; (4) the  
9 dollar amount of the community spouse protected amount,  
10 determined pursuant to 42 USC 1396r-5(f)(2); (5) the time that elapsed  
11 from the date of application for Medicaid to a determination of  
12 Medicaid eligibility; (6) the number and outcome of administrative  
13 appeals for (A) the enhancement of the community spouse protected  
14 amount, and (B) the substantiation of the community spouse protected  
15 amount; (7) the number of community spouse fair hearings based

16 upon (i) the formula for housing costs of the community spouse, and  
17 (ii) the low income of the community spouse; and (8) the average  
18 number of staff hours spent evaluating applications for the  
19 determination of spousal assets and calculating the community spouse  
20 protected amount.

21 (b) On or before February 1, 2014, the Commissioner of Social  
22 Services shall provide a report of the data obtained pursuant to  
23 subsection (a) of this section to the Department on Aging. Such report  
24 shall not contain the names, addresses or personal identifying  
25 information for any couple whose information was obtained pursuant  
26 to subsection (a) of this section."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

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| Section 1 | <i>from passage</i> | New section |
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